

amendment under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FOR CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 242 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.1715z-7) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by inserting “, unless the facility is a critical access hospital (as that term is defined in section 1861(mm)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(mm)(1)))” after “tuberculosis”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) TERMINATION OF EXEMPTION FOR CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The exemption for critical access hospitals under subsection (b)(1)(B) shall have no effect after July 31, 2006.

“(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years after July 31, 2003, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress detailing the effects of the exemption of critical access hospitals from the provisions of subsection (b)(1)(B) on—

“(A) the provision of mortgage insurance to hospitals under this section; and

“(B) the General Insurance Fund established under section 519.”.

SEC. 4. STUDY OF BARRIERS TO RECEIPT OF INSURED MORTGAGES BY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall conduct a study on the barriers to the receipt of mortgage insurance by Federally qualified health centers (as defined in section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B))) under section 1101 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1749aaa), or other programs under that Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall submit a report regarding any appropriate legislative and regulatory changes needed to enable Federally qualified health centers to access mortgage insurance under section 1101 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1749aaa), or other programs under that Act to—

(1) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.

The bill (H.R. 659), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

INCREASING THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION MORTGAGE COMMITMENT LEVEL

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1571.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1571) to increase the Federal Housing Administration mortgage commitment level to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the National Housing Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1571) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1571

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Notwithstanding the first paragraph of the item in title II of Division K of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Public Law 108-7) relating to “FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION – MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT”, during the fiscal year 2003, commitments to guarantee loans to carry out the purposes of section 203(b) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709), shall not exceed a loan principal of \$185,000,000,000.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CAL- ENDAR—S. 1434, S. 1490, S. 1504, H.R. 2799, AND H.R. 2861

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I understand there are five bills at the desk which are due for a second reading. I ask unanimous consent that the bills be given a second reading, en bloc, and I object to further proceedings on the measures at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The objection is noted. Under the rules, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDER FOR PRINTING OF H.R. 6

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 6, as passed by the Senate on July 31, 2003, be printed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SE- CRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 108-8

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following protocol transmitted to the Senate on September 2, 2003, by the President of the United States: Protocol to Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation with Denmark, treaty document 108-8.

I further ask that the protocol be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Protocol to the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation Between the United States and Denmark of October 1, 1951, signed at Copenhagen on May 2, 2001. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to this protocol.

The protocol will establish the legal basis by which the United States may issue treaty-investor (E-2) visas to qualified nationals of Denmark, by supplementing the U.S.-Denmark friendship, commerce, and navigation (FCN) treaty to allow for entry and sojourn of investors, a benefit provided in the large majority of U.S. FCN treaties. United States investors are already eligible for Danish visas that offer comparable benefits to those that would be accorded nationals of Denmark under E-2 visa status.

The United States has long championed the benefits of an open investment climate, both at home and abroad. It is the policy of the United States to welcome market-driven foreign investment and to permit capital to flow freely to seek its highest return. Denmark also provides an open investment climate. Visas for investors facilitate investment activity, and thus directly support U.S. policy objectives.

I recommend that the Senate consider this protocol as soon as possible, and give its advice and consent to ratification of the protocol at an early date.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 2, 2003.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 3. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved, the time for the two leaders be reserved and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 2660, the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party lunches.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2660, the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. There are two pending amendments that were offered and debated during today's session. It is hoped that we will be able to schedule votes in relation to these amendments as early as possible tomorrow. The leader would like to alert all Members that rollcall votes can be expected at approximately 12 noon on Wednesday. Therefore, Senators should expect the possibility of votes prior to the party lunches and Members will be notified when the first vote is scheduled.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DEWINE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I